THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) The number of passengers originating at Bhubaneswar station during the previous three years are as under:—

1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
19,50,610	23,02,693	26,34,249

(c) It is proposed to increase the frequency of Bhubaneswar-Rajdhani to thrice a week. Introduction of new trains services is a continuous process depending on traffic pattern, operational feasibility and resource constraints.

Increase in number of unreserved coaches

†446. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of unreserved coaches of general class in the.trains running more than 500 kms. due to which passengers have to face lot of difficulties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of unreserved coaches of general class in view of the difficulties being faced by the passengers; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Increase in number of coaches, including general second class unreserved coaches is an ongoing process Subject to traffic pattern, availability of resources and operational feasibility.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.